

NEWS FROM The Inland See

March 5–11, 2022

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



The Rite of Election AND CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 • 3 P.M. • CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH, BURLINGTON

Trying to figure out who's who is a common human activity. We like to know who we are sharing our time with and what relationship they have to us. So it is with the Church that gathers on Sunday for Mass. Many of the faces are as familiar as our own, but as with any healthy group, new faces are to be expected and welcomed. Some of those new faces may be responding to a call to find out more about Christ and His Church. The Church opens its arms to these seekers with the wisdom and rituals of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

People who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith and its mission fall into two main groups: catechumens and candidates. A catechumen is someone who has never been baptized, while candidates are those having already been baptized in another Christian denomination who desire to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. Catechumens and candidates undergo a period of formation involving a number of steps and phases. After this formation, usually at the Easter Vigil or in the Easter Season, they receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

For these catechumens and candidates, Lent is a period of intensified spiritual preparation. At the beginning of Lent, the Diocese celebrates a special ritual: the "Rite of Election" for the catechumens and the "Call to Continuing Conversion" for the candidates. Based on the testimony given by the sponsors and catechists, Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne will declare the catechumens to be "Elect," chosen by God for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the upcoming Easter Vigil. The bishop also will recognize the desire of the already-baptized candidates for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist within the Catholic community.

All members of the faithful throughout the Diocese of Burlington are encouraged to pray for and with the catechumens and candidates this Lent, especially for the new faces you may see in your own parishes.

All are encouraged to join us for the Diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion that will be celebrated on March 6 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington at 3 p.m.

—*Josh Perry, Director of Worship, Diocese of Burlington*



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Upcoming Events



03|08 TUESDAY

Grief & Loss Support Group for Widows/Widowers

St. Mark, Burlington • 9:45 - 11:15 am

Please join us every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the rectory parlor, beginning March 8, to explore supportive ways grief and loss can be the entry point of God's healing in your life.



03|10, 17, 24, 31, 04|07 THURS

Deep Dive Into The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 5:30 pm

Join us for this 5-part series led by Fr. Scott Gratton. Each evening will begin with Stations of the Cross, followed by dinner and a one hour talk on the Mass. This event is free.



03|12, 19, 26 SATURDAYS

SoulCore

Blessed Sacrament, Stowe • 3 - 4 pm

SoulCore is an invitation to nourish body, mind and soul through prayer and functional movement. Workout can be modified to suit ability and comfort level; the prayers are the main focus. Freewill donation. Suggested items: mat, water, weights (optional, 1-3 lbs popular).



03|09 WEDNESDAY

Dealing with Doubt — How will you Respond?

Holy Family, Essex Jct. • 7 - 8:15 pm

Speaker Joe Blanchette's lively presentation provides Catholic parents with well-researched, effectively presented talking points for defending the faith to counter the arguments presented by the secular world that young people are exposed to, especially when they first leave home for college. All are welcome. Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Fanny Allen #1060.



03|10, 17, 24, 31, 04|07 THURS

Vermont Catholic Women's Group Lent 2022

via Zoom • 7:30 - 9 pm

Join the Vermont Catholic Women's Group on Zoom as we

go through *Restore: A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation* by Sr. Miriam James Heidland. We will have weekly edifying discussions. Join us for one or all meetings. Women of all ages are welcomed. Sign up for our mailing list at www.stlukev.org and contact Carolina for more details.



03|19 SATURDAY

Annual Men's Conference

Our Lady of Angels, Randolph

Join with other Catholic Men for a day of

time of fellowship. This year's theme is 'Band of Brothers' and the keynote speaker will be Fr. Scott Gratton, serving as chaplain for the VT Air National Guard, recently deployed to Saudi Arabia and Jordan. Bishop Christopher Coyne will celebrate Mass. Please contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or call (802) 658-6110, ext. 1131 for the link to register. Registration deadline is March 4, 2022. Lunch is included in the \$30 fee.



03|25 FRIDAY

The Challenge Club for Catholic Girls

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 6 - 8 pm

Challenge is a club for girls to grow in virtue, friendship and their Catholic faith. **FOR MORE INFO:** Mary Niekrewicz, mary.of.vt@gmail.com, (802) 878-5538 or Audrey Walko, audreycgsvt@gmail.com, (802) 373-9564.



03|29 TUESDAY

Saints and Sinners

Online • 7 pm

Join us in February when Fr. Tim Naples presents on Saint Anthony of Padua. There will be time for prayer, small group and large group discussion. **For more info:** vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.



03|31 THURSDAY

Lenten Presentation

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 7 pm

Join us for a presentation by Rev. Richard Berube, SSE entitled, "The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke" — Preparing for Palm Sunday and Holy Week.



CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

MARCH 6-12, 2022

INSPIRE OTHERS

When we go to Mass together, do we live in communion with Christ and our community? Do we start to argue once we step out of church? Reflect on these questions this week as you pray daily, individually and as a couple.

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YOUR FAMILY PILGRIMAGE

The journey you are on can be filled with abundant graces through abundant challenges. Living daily is an act of faith. This week, plan "Parent Time" to reflect in a journal these questions: Do I believe God has made me for a purpose? When in my life have I felt most sure of God? When in my life have I felt least sure of God?

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A MESSAGE FROM THE



U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

Ending Slavery Is Everyone's Work

March — Learn about Labeling for Lent, a national initiative of the Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking; include human trafficking issues in your prayers in church and with other groups; contribute to help abolish this crime.

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainstrafficking.org)